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Dear Parents/Carers,

For World Book week (2nd – 6th March), Author Mitch Johnson will be visiting on **Wednesday 4th March** to talk to Year 7 pupils. This will be a fun, interactive opportunity for children to learn about the themes in his books, including human rights and environmental issues. We are currently reading Mitch's first book, *Kick*, in our year 7 library lessons this term and we are really enjoying it.

Kick tells the story of twelve-year-old Budi, an Indonesian boy who works in a sweatshop and dreams of becoming a footballer. The novel is endorsed by Amnesty International UK for its portrayal of children's rights, and received the 2018 Branford Boase Award.

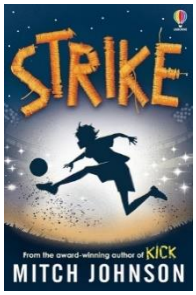
Mitch's second novel, *Pop!*, is about a girl called Queenie who finds the secret recipe to the world's most popular fizzy drink. *Pop!* is an action-packed adventure with a strong environmental message about plastic pollution, and was nominated for the 2022 CILIP Carnegie Medal.

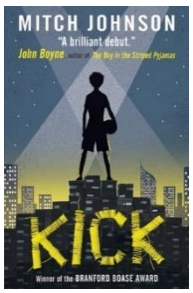
Spark is set in a world that has been devastated by climate change. When the water in Last Village dries up, Ash must embark on a dangerous journey to find answers and a rumoured land to the north where life still flourishes. *Spark* was longlisted for the 2022 Wainwright Prize and won the 2022 Mal Peet Children's Award.

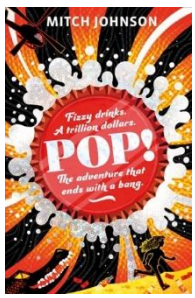
Toxic is set in the Amazon rainforest and features a billionaire beauty mogul who will stop at nothing to obtain the toxin of an incredibly rare and valuable frog. Only Jessica and her friends have any chance of stopping her, but the rainforest is a dangerous place …

Strike is the standalone sequel to *Kick* and will be published on 4th June 2026. **Please note any orders for *Strike* will be sent to the school in June 2026.**

Copies of Mitch's books are available to pre-order on ParentPay at the reduced price of £7.00 each. Pupils will be able to get their books signed when he visits.







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Kind regards,

Mrs S Holmes
Librarian

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